

# The Hartford News

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## Road to Recovery Begins

*Many businesses allowed to re-open, others still waiting*

BY ANDY HART

The Coronavirus Pandemic has been a time of great doubt and uncertainty. But one thing is virtually guaranteed: it will take the state of Connecticut a lot longer to re-open than it did to shut it down back in March.

Still, the recovery process began yesterday, May 20, when Governor Ned Lamont lifted several restrictions on businesses which have been in place for over two months. This easing of restrictions is the

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The Hartford Business Improvement District (HBID) will be closing off Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford and setting up tables and chairs to provide seating for customers of nearby restaurants that do not have adequate outdoor seating. As of May 20, Connecticut restaurants can provide outdoor, but not indoor service. Pratt Street will be closed from 11 am - 2 pm, Monday through Thursday, and from 11 am - 9 pm on Friday. Chip McCabe, HBID Director of Placemaking & Events, shown laying down a social distancing marker, said those hours may change, depending on consumer demand. (Hart photo)

first part of Lamont’s four-phase plan to end the social distancing regulations that were put in place in March to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.

Restaurants will now be allowed to offer outdoor dining, rather than just take-out food. But tables must be properly spaced to allow diners to maintain adequate social distances, servers must wear masks, and no indoor dining will be allowed. Restaurant bars will remain closed, but alcoholic beverages can be ordered from the table.

Retail stores that were deemed “non-

essentially” by the state and closed down back in March were also allowed to re-open Wednesday. But they must follow the same strict social distancing regulations that were placed on “essential businesses,” such as grocery stores, several weeks ago. Customers and staff must wear masks, store capacity will be limited to half the normal amount, check-out lines must be marked so that shoppers maintain a distance of approx-

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## Food Distribution at Rentschler Field Extended

To help those struggling to feed their families due to the economic dislocation caused by the Coronavirus outbreak, Foodshare is extending its drive-thru distribution of free food at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford, through at least Friday, May 29. Hours are 8:30 am - 12 noon, Monday through Friday (closed Memorial Day, May 25). Each vehicle will be limited to one allocation of food.

Several food pantries in Hartford are also reopening to assist those in need. Loaves & Fishes, located at Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford, resumed its “grab and go” food distribution earlier this week. Bags of groceries will be distributed on Mondays from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm and meals-to-go on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm.

North United Methodist Church’s Food Pantry, 1205 Albany Avenue (corner of Woodland Street) will resume service this Saturday, May 23. Food distribution will be held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month in the parking lot at the rear of the church.

## Coronavirus Testing Sites in Hartford



### One-day Testing Sites

- One-day free mobile site at Phillips Health Center, 2550 Main St., on May 21, 8 am to 3:30 pm. Pre-registration has closed but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 860-904-9045. Children 12-17 must have a guardian present and must show ID.
- One-day free mobile test site at Batchelder Elementary School, 757 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, on Friday, May 22 from 8 am to 4 pm. Insurance is not necessary. To preregister, call 860-904-9045 (English & Spanish). If you do not have transportation, call 860-757-9311 for a free ride. Children 12-17 must have a guardian present and must show ID. Face masks must be worn.
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St. Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-in only. Make an appointment by calling 860-550-7500.
- InterCommunity Inc., 16 Coventry St. Testing Monday-Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-up and drive-thru available. No appointment required. For information, call 860-569-5900.

### On-going Testing Sites

- Hartford Hospital, 560 Hudson St. Daily, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Drive-thru and walk-up testing is available. If you have a primary care physician, they will refer you. If you don’t have a physician or have other questions, call Hartford HealthCare’s clinical call center at 860-972-8100 or toll-free at 833-621-0600.
- St. Francis Hospital, 1000 Asylum Ave. Monday-Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. Drive-thru and walk-up testing is available. No appointment is necessary. Testing for children is available. For information, call 860-714-4000, Ext. 1.
- CVS Pharmacy, 479 Blue Hills Ave.: Drive-thru only. Register online at cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing.
- CVS Pharmacy, 150 Washington St.: Drive-thru only. Register online at www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing.
- Wheeler Clinic Health and Wellness Center, 43-49 Woodland St. Testing begins May 25. For information, call 860-793-3500.
- Community Health Services, 500 Albany Ave. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointment required. Current CHS patients only. To schedule an appointment, call 860-249-9625.

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This photo from a century ago shows a group of city leaders and park officials in front of Roosevelt Memorial Grove in Keney Park. The grove was planted in April, 1919, by Boy Scouts from all over Hartford in honor of former president Theodore Roosevelt, a pioneer conservationist and Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America. Roosevelt Grove was located in the “Eastern Close” in the northeast section of the park. Keney Park is one of the largest municipal parks in New England. Please turn to page 4 for a map of the park’s southern section. A map of the northern section will be published in next week’s paper. (Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library)

## Road to Recovery Begins

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quate distance among employees. Employees who are able to work from home have been requested to do so for the immediate future.

When Governor Ned Lamont first announced the list of businesses that would be allowed to re-open on May 20, he included hair salons and barber shops. Earlier this week, however, after consulting with Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo, Lamont said that these businesses will not be allowed to open until early June.

While many outdoor activities that did not involve close contact among participants, such as golf and fishing, were allowed to continue during the lock-down, others, such as miniature golf, charter fishing excursions and camping, were closed and were allowed to re-open on May 20. There will be no camping in State Parks, however, until June 11.

The partial re-opening of Connecticut comes just a few days before the annual Memorial Day weekend, which has come to be seen as the unofficial start of summer.

Connecticut State Beaches have remained open during the lockdown and will remain open this weekend, but social distancing regulations will be enforced and beaches will be closed if these regulations are not being followed or if the beach exceeds its permitted capacity.

Restaurants that already have outdoor seating or have been able to create temporary seating in their parking lots are fortunate that the warm weather is just starting and many diners would choose to eat outside even if indoor dining was an option, which it won't be for a while.

When announcing that many Coronavirus-related restrictions would be rolled back on May 20, Lamont said this was contingent on seven key elements in the state's response to the health crisis:

- **14-day decline in hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations for the Coronavirus have been decreasing slowly but steadily

since they peaked on April 22.

- **Adequate health-care capacity:** Approximately 40 percent of the state's hospital beds are now available.
- **Ability to protect vulnerable populations:** The State of Connecticut has committed to testing all nursing home patients and those in prisons and psychiatric facilities
- **Sufficient contact tracing capacity:** Tracing those who have come into contact with a person infected with COVID-19 will be handled by 300 workers from the State Health Department plus volunteers.
- **Increased testing available:** Connecticut has increased its testing facilities in recent weeks. Several are now open in Hartford (see page 1), many of which are free and do not require a doctor's prescription or proof of health insurance
- **Adequate supply of personal protective equipment (PPE):** The state received a PPE shipment on May 12 that was expected to provide an adequate supply for at least 60 days.
- **Appropriate workplace safeguards:** All businesses will be expected to follow social distancing and hygiene regulations.

While the partial re-opening on May 20 was greeted by most as a big step in the right direction, many restrictions are still in place. Gatherings of over five non-related people will not be permitted until June 20 at the earliest. Indoor movie theaters, gyms, places of worship and other businesses and organizations where large numbers tend to congregate will be closed for at least another month. Schools will remain closed. Large sporting events are not permitted. There will be no parades or festivals for a long while. The road to the "new normal" will be a long one, and what that post-Coronavirus world will be like is anyone's guess.

## Coronavirus Crisis in Hartford

Hartford	Cases	Case Rate per 100,000 people	Deaths
May 18	1952	1592	134
May 11	1571	1282	118
May 4	1217	993	102
April 28	943	769	79

Source: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

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## Politically Speaking

*A Fresh Look at Issues  
Facing our Region & State*

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**Let's Clean Up America  
For Our 200th Birthday**

**Information Sheet 1**

## Small Steps In The Right Direction (Some Things You Can Do To Improve The Environment)

- Keep the land clean and free from litter.
- Use scrap paper. It has two sides, you know.
- Donate old magazines, books, and clothing to groups like the Salvation Army or Goodwill Industries . . . someone needs them.
- Make and use litterbags.
- Organize a cleanup campaign for your neighborhood, school, park or recreation areas . . . anywhere it's needed.
- Write your Representative in Congress. Make your feelings known on bills affecting the environment.
- Invite a qualified speaker to address your group on environmental concerns.
- Use local recycling centers. If there are none in your community, work for their establishment.
- Support sound environmental education courses in your schools.
- Use unleaded gas when possible and have an emission control device installed on your car.
- Throwaway containers create disposal problems. When you have a choice, buy products in reusable or returnable containers.
- Grow a plant . . . plant a tree. Green plants improve the air you breathe.
- Use public transportation. Ride a bicycle or walk to school or work. Why ride when you can walk?
- Respect and preserve wildlife habitats.
- Leave parks and camping grounds in the condition you would like to find them.
- Use pesticides sparingly, and follow directions carefully. Keep out of reach of children and pets.
- Display Johnny Horizon posters and decals as reminders to help "Clean Up America For Our 200th Birthday."
- Know local agencies involved with environmental quality control. Report violations.
- Make local news media aware of your interest in adequate coverage of environmental news.
- Support legislation to protect endangered wildlife species.
- Slow down on the highways. A maximum speed of 50 or 55 MPH helps conserve fuel. It's also safer, and gives passengers a chance to enjoy scenic America.
- Proper insulation conserves energy. Use 3 inches in walls and up to 6 inches in attics to keep heat in during winter, out during summer.
- As a consumer, use your purchasing power wisely.

## State to Distribute Infrared Thermometers to Small Businesses, Nonprofits and Places of Worship

Governor Ned Lamont recently announced that the State of Connecticut will be distributing 50,000 infrared thermometers it has secured for small businesses, nonprofits, and places of worship to support safe reopening activities amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Small businesses, nonprofits, and places of worship that would like to

request equipment from the state's supply of infrared thermometers should fill out a form online to indicate their request. The state has partnered with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association and its affiliate CONNSTEP to distribute the thermometers. They will be delivered to the municipalities in which the organizations are located, and then the municipalities will contact the recipient entities to inform them of a time and location they can pick up their requested equipment.

"We've secured these infrared thermometers for our businesses, nonprofits, and places of worship because having adequate screening measures is an important step in keeping people safe," Governor Lamont said. Entities that would like to request a thermometer can fill out the forms located at ct.gov/coronavirus in the "Access to Personal Protective Equipment" section

## Blast from the Past!

Shawn McGarry was handed this back in 1976 when he was a student in the 4th grade at Saint Joseph Cathedral School. It certainly looks hokey, but some of the ideas are certainly worth thinking about today!

**Information Sheet 1**

• **Small businesses:** Any small business in the state that has between 2 and 100 employees is eligible to receive one thermometer per physical address. Eligible businesses seeking to request thermometers should go to [ctcovidresponse.org/thermometer-request](http://ctcovidresponse.org/thermometer-request).

• **Nonprofits:** Nonprofits located within Connecticut are eligible to receive one thermometer per physical address. To request thermometers for nonprofits, go to: [ctcovidresponse.org/thermometer-request](http://ctcovidresponse.org/thermometer-request).

• **Places of worship:** Places of worship are eligible to receive one thermometer per physical address. To request thermometers for places of worship, go to [ctcovidresponse.org/thermometer-request](http://ctcovidresponse.org/thermometer-request).

This distribution will continue while supplies last.

# I Remember Mama...and Dad, Too

**Memorial Day social distancing with the parents at Cedar Hill**

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

"Your mother always sees the world through rose-colored glasses", my father huffed with disdain, shaking his head and pursing his lips. It wasn't the first time he'd appealed to me, or the first time I'd listened to her response: "John, you're always so negative. Why can't you look at the bright side of life?" How, I would wonder, did these two people—attitudinal polar opposites—ever get together in the first place? Dad's glass wasn't just half-empty; it was nearly bone-dry, while Mom's was overflowing its rim. They disagreed on so many things—including disciplining their three kids (she was a softie; he supported firmer measures), how they spent their money (she loved to gift people and splurge on "extras" for my brothers and I; he bemoaned every penny that didn't go toward necessities). Weirdly enough though, Vi was a Republican political conservative, and my father a Democrat union man liberal. Both of them worked full-time, and as true Hartfordites, in the typewriter and insurance industries. Mom obtained charge cards at some downtown department stores and paid her own bills. And when she'd show him her new purchases, she always lied about how much she'd spent. My father didn't believe in credit so she never told him about her charge accounts. When the utility bills—phone, gas, electric—

arrived every month, within minutes he would put on his hat and head to Sage-Allen's basement office where he'd pay them in cash.



*My parents at 223 Ward Street, one week before their wedding.*

He owned a string of used cars over the years and was always a renter; car payments and mortgages meant owing money. In spite of all their differences, during their 51 years of marriage, they remained deeply in love.

They met in the spring of 1940—a date arranged by mutual friends—recorded simply in her diary (which I also have) "Met some fellow from Hartford today." He was 30 and had been a guy about town enjoying the bachelor life, working at Underwood, but golfing at Keney and Goodwin, going dancing at the Colt Park pavilion, and hanging out with the guys on Park Street in Frog Hollow on the weekends. She was 24, living with an aunt & uncle in Springfield where she'd gone to live after being orphaned at age 11, and was working at the phone company. She went to the movies with girlfriends several times a week.

I'm the proud possessor of the letters they wrote to each other during their courtship, which culminated in marriage that November. In an effort to win this young woman he was immediately smitten with, he went overboard on the formalities, bringing flowers and candy on each weekend visit. She confided in her diary that he was "too formal" and "too much for the old-fashioned ways". After 5 or 6 dates, he declared his love for her by letter in ecstatic terms. She wasn't convinced until

this June 8th entry: "I think I'm in love", and never looked back.

Never rising above working-class, they nevertheless had modest ways of enjoying time together. They dearly loved their children and created a happy life for us in

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## Healthcare Workers Honored...and Fed

*On Thursday, May 14, the Connecticut Air National Guard staged flyovers of healthcare facilities throughout Connecticut. Workers at Hartford Hospital are shown above watching the plane fly over. Hospital workers (below) also got free lunches from the Villa Lebanon food truck, who provided the food at no charge as a way of saying thanks to those working on the front lines of the Coronavirus crisis. (Hart photos)*

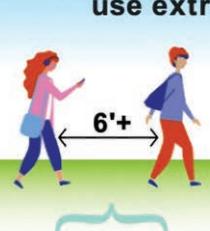


## COVID-19: Be Smart. Do Your Part.

If you do go to our parks or trails to exercise, use extreme caution.



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### Create Your Own Night Fall Character

*Using materials from around your home!*

Night Fall, the annual outdoor performance which has become one of Hartford's signature events is challenging children of all ages to create a Night Fall costume, puppet or mask made from materials found around your home. Night Fall members have created some creatures recently and hope they inspire YOUR creativity! Send us your photos or videos to the Night Fall Facebook page and the organization will share them (ask your parent first).

To help you along, NIght Fall has created several instructional videos on how to create a costume of your own. Queen Bee ([youtube.com/watch?v=riB8fn6WR5k&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=riB8fn6WR5k&feature=youtu.be)); Turtle Shell Shield ([youtube.com/watch?v=rdLrlPkR7jc&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=rdLrlPkR7jc&feature=youtu.be)); Owl Mask ([youtube.com/watch?v=7q\\_C34uiTDQ&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=7q_C34uiTDQ&feature=youtu.be)); Lion Mask ([youtube.com/watch?v=xcbvStbZ02c&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=xcbvStbZ02c&feature=youtu.be)); and Little: Owl Mask ([youtube.com/watch?v=1aP6RIEZ\\_KE&feature=youtu.be](https://youtube.com/watch?v=1aP6RIEZ_KE&feature=youtu.be)).

For suggested materials and other details, go to [nightfallhartford.org](http://nightfallhartford.org). This year's Night Fall performance will be held in Keney Park on Saturday, October 3.

**KENEY PARK  
(Southern End)**

The map shows the southern end of Keney Park, bounded by COVENTRY ST to the west, TOWER AVE to the north, and GREENFIELD ST to the south. Streets surrounding the park include HOLCOMB ST, COLEBROOK ST, PEMBROKE ST, THOMASTON ST, PLAINFIELD ST, CANTERBURY ST, RIDGEFIELD ST, WESTBOURNE PKY, BLUE HILLS AVE, WOODLAND ST, and GREENFIELD ST. The park itself is a large green area with several trails and paths. Key features marked on the map include:

- POND HOUSE**: Located near the western entrance.
- EBONY HORSEWOMEN EQUESTRIAN CENTER**: Located within the park grounds.
- Playgrounds**: Indicated by icons of children playing on slides and swings.
- Basketball Courts**: Indicated by basketball hoop icons.
- Tennis Courts**: Indicated by tennis racket and ball icons.
- Baseball Fields**: Indicated by baseball icons.
- Parking**: Indicated by car icons.
- Pool**: Indicated by a blue square icon.
- Trails**: Indicated by brown lines.
- Paved Roads**: Indicated by yellow lines.
- Entrances**: Indicated by red circles with the letter "E".

**KENEY PARK NORTH**  
(Full map in next week's edition)

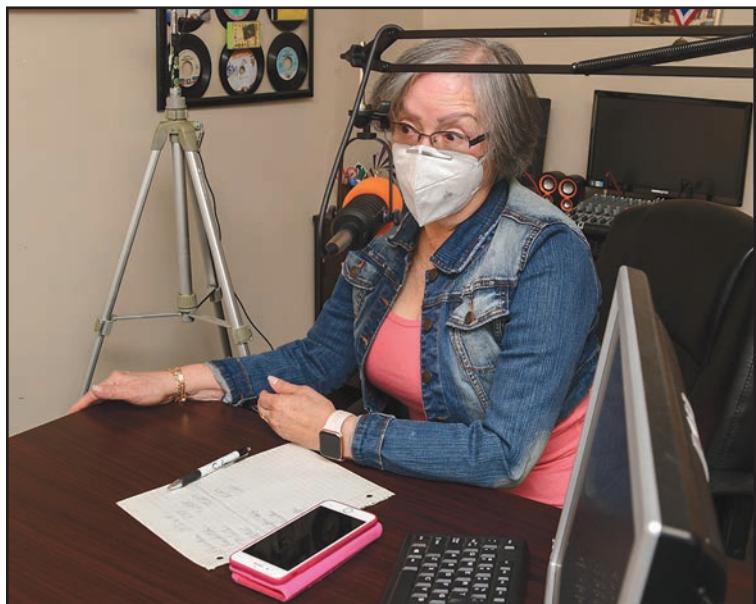
**View from the Parks Park of the Week**

**KENEY**  
**(Part 1)**

At 693 acres (just over an entire square mile), Keney is one of the largest municipal parks in New England. Due to its size, this week we'll feature the park's southern end. The northern end will be examined in next week's edition.

Keney Park opened to the public in 1896 on land that had been donated by Hartford grocer Henry Keney. The park was designed to reflect the natural beauty of the New England landscape, as opposed to the more formal and ornate Elizabeth Park. Achieving this natural look was no easy task, however. More than 500,000 square yards of earth had to be moved and over a million trees and shrubs were planted.

The southern end of Keney Park extends north from Greenfield Street all the way to Tower Avenue. The eastern side is divided from the western side by Vine Street. There are numerous recreational facilities, including an outdoor pool, basketball courts, baseball fields and playscapes. The park's pond is a favorite among local anglers and Keney is also home to the Ebony Horsewomen Equestrian Center. Those wishing to explore the park will find numerous trails throughout. While some of the park is used extensively, other parts, such as the area around Love Lane, are more bucolic, as the park's designers intended.



### State Rep. Gonzalez on La Diferente Radio

On Monday, May 18, State Representative Minnie Gonzalez discussed the Coronavirus health crisis and its effect on Hartford on La Diferente Radio, 1710 AM. The interview was conducted by La Diferente host and general manager, Wilfredo Ayala. La Diferente studios are located on Franklin Avenue in Hartford's South End. The station broadcasts music and news in Spanish 24 hours a day, seven days a week. (Hart photo)

### Apply Now for Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program

The deadline is fast approaching to apply for Capital Workforce Partners Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program. Interested youths ages 14 - 21 must apply by Sunday, May 31.

The program offers a chance to spend the summer making money, gaining valuable work experience, developing marketable skills, exploring a possible career and making personal connections in the greater Hartford community.

Those applying for the program must show documentation proving age and residency. Once accepted, youths will be matched with a community-based organization.

To apply or for more information, please go to the website: [capital-workforcepartners.org/SYELP](http://capital-workforcepartners.org/SYELP)



### City of Hartford Launches Improvements to Colt Park

Contractors working on behalf of the City of Hartford began installing temporary construction fencing last week at Colt Park. The project, known as "Colt Park Phase 1 Improvements" was approved by Mayor Bronin earlier this month and will bring substantial improvements to the Park's ball fields and walkways.

Seven ball fields will be rebuilt or improved, including Roberto Clemente Field (a softball field), a baseball field, and five other softball fields. Additional improvements to the Park include walkway enhancements at the east entrance and completing the loop walk along the West side of the park. Additionally, over one hundred trees will be planted to replace several trees that will be removed to allow for expansion of Roberto Clemente Field.

The ball fields will be improved as needed to better support players and spectators and improve the ability of the City to properly maintain the fields. Roberto Clemente Field will receive new player areas, fencing and backstop, larger outfield, field lighting, scoreboard, warning tracks, infield, and irrigation improvements.

The baseball field will be completely rebuilt, receiving a new infield and outfield, warning tracks, dugouts, bullpen, fencing and backstop, scoreboard, and irrigation. Similarly, two softball fields will be restored with improvements focused on the infields and player and spectator areas including new bleachers. The three other softball fields will receive new backstops.

Work conducted this month is expected to include installation of the temporary fence, tree removal, and installation of tree protection and erosion control measures. Earthwork and drainage improvements will occur over the summer with installation of ball field improvements happening early in the fall to allow for seeding of the fields this fall. Walkway improvements and tree planting will also occur in the fall.

Much of the Park, including all of the baseball and softball fields, will be closed for the duration of 2020 and is anticipated to reopen in Spring of 2021. The City will continue to coordinate with leagues regarding resumption of league play at Colt Park in 2021.

## Take Care and help stop the spread of Coronavirus

These simple steps will help to keep your family healthy:



### Stay at home.

The safest place for you and your family right now is your own home. Staying home is the best way to not pick up germs from people infected with the virus.



### Wash your hands.

Coronavirus spreads most often from germs on your hands. Hand washing for 20 seconds with soap and warm water many times each day will prevent germs from spreading.



### Wear a face mask.

If you must go out for essentials, you should wear a face mask. If you don't have a face mask, you can wear a scarf or bandanna over your nose and mouth for protection.

If you or a member of your family think you have Coronavirus, please call InterCommunity today. We are here for you and will provide direction for diagnosis and treatment.

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## LOOKING FOR A GREEN JOB?

After its recent virtual Earth Week, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability is working with local organizations to host a virtual green jobs and internships fair this Friday, May 15. The fair will be accessible through WebEx (with a phone dial-in option) or through Facebook live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/hartfordsustainability/>. For more info go to <https://hartfordclimate.org/jobfair/>



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## Hands On Hartford Memorial Day Community Meal



Hands On Hartford will serve up its free Memorial Day Community Meal this Monday, May 25, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm outside its headquarters at 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford. The menu will include double cheeseburgers, chips, veggie pasta salad with Italian dressing, black bean and corn salad, fruit salad, dessert and beverages. Rain ponchos, snacks and toiletry items will also be distributed to those in need. For more information, call 860-728-3201.



### Drive-by Concert on Linnmoore Street

*On Saturday, May 16, Hartford resident Bill Katz gave the first of his drive-by concerts from the front porch of his home on Linnmoore Street in Hartford's South End. Katz said he plans to continue giving the concerts every Saturday evening from 6 - 7 pm, weather permitting. So swing on by and enjoy the music!*

## ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TO HOLD MEMORIAL DAY PROJECT IN HONOR OF COVID-19 LOSSES

In light of the pandemic and the losses many are experiencing, Asylum Hill Congregational Church is expanding its observance of Memorial Day on May 24, 2020. In addition to honoring those who gave their lives in service to our country, we will be acknowledging all of the losses we are experiencing, while taking the time to share messages of hope.

"Though many of our parishioners may be among the most fortunate in the coronavirus crisis – loved ones are healthy and they are sheltering at home – there may still be a sense of loss," according to Senior Minister Rev. Erica Thompson. "The loss of economic stability, the loss of ability to move around freely, to participate in life's milestones in person, loss of connection with family and friends, affects us all. At the same time,

many have experienced new hope and appreciation – having time for self-care or a long-forgotten hobby, finding a renewed appreciation for essential workers, or experiencing the joy that comes from helping others." In an effort to recognize both grief and gratitude, the church is offering an opportunity for parishioners to write a message of remembrance or hope on a ribbon and tie it on the front fence.

The church began exclusively broadcasting its programs and services through live stream on Sunday, March 15. Along with the Sunday 10:15am service, the church also live streams a Thursday 12noon service, a Spirituality program on Tuesdays at 10:00am, as well as a twice-weekly Zoom-based workshop program through June.

## Library To Spread Wi-Fi Access Throughout Hartford

Hartford Public Library is taking its efforts at connectivity on the road with initiatives designed to increase Wi-Fi connectivity throughout Hartford.

"Our Library on Wheels is one of the resources that allows us the opportunity to creatively deliver service during crucial times like these," said Leticia Cotto, HPL's Customer Experience Officer.

The library has prioritized delivering Wi-Fi hotspots to spaces where people are homebound and transitional living spaces without Wi-Fi access to provide connectivity for entertainment, to stay informed, and support distance learning.

HPL Wi-Fi spots have been delivered to Immanuel House (15 Woodland Street), an assisted living space for people 62 years old and older. Warming Center at Milner School (104 Vine Street). A City of Hartford-run refuge for people experiencing homelessness.

Other locations are being identified.

HPL's Library on Wheels also functions as a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot. Plans to use it as a Mobile Wi-Fi Hub strategically throughout the city are underway.

The deployment of the Library on Wheels to spread Wi-Fi access is just one of the innovative methods HPL is using to expand its outreach during the Covid-19 quarantine.

"If people can't come to us, how do we go to them in a safe way and still meet needs?" We see the importance of doing this kind of outreach because we recognize the need for Wi-Fi city wide and when we were open to the public, experienced a continued increase in our Wi-Fi usage systemwide," Cotto said.

For more information about Hartford Public Library, visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

## 24/7/365 Help Line Now Available for Domestic Violence Victims

**From the Office of State Representative Minnie Gonzalez**

The COVID-19/Coronavirus public health emergency has created safety implications for residents across the state. With the implementation of social distancing and shelter-in-place orders, there is an increased risk of domestic violence as vulnerable residents become further isolated and additional pressures develop that may exacerbate an already abusive relationship.

To connect those who may be experiencing domestic violence with services, resources, and assistance the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) created CT Safe Connect.

Safe Connect is available 24

hours a day, 365 days a week via:

- Call or text: 888-774-2900
- Email: [safeconnect@ctcadv.org](mailto:safeconnect@ctcadv.org)
- Web chat : (<https://app.purechat.com/w/CTSafeConnect>)

This network has helped callers with concerns relating to accessing basic needs, rent/mortgage payments, food insecurity, and emotional/mental well-being. CCADV and its members have also assisted victim-survivors in filing temporary restraining orders through the Connecticut Judicial Branch's online system. Safe Connect and CCADV's partners helped filed 46 percent of all TRO applications filed statewide in April.

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## Hartford Athletic Launches High School Team of the Week Initiative in Partnership with CAS-CIAC and The Hartford

Hartford Athletic and CAS-CIAC jointly announced today the launch of the Hartford Athletic CAS-CIAC Team of the Week presented by The Hartford. The nomination period begins today and will be open through June 12th with any high school program including sports, eSports, theater, robotics, band and more eligible to be nominated. Winning programs will be selected based on community engagement and competitive excellence and recognized by Hartford Athletic and CAS-CIAC through digital channels and at a future Hartford Athletic match.

"As a community-driven organization, we are thrilled to partner with CAS-CIAC and The Hartford to recognize all the great accomplishments our high school students continue to achieve across the state," said Hartford Athletic CEO Jim Burda. "Now, more than ever, it is important to continue to

inspire and celebrate the amazing stories of our students and future leaders."

"CAS-CIAC is thrilled with any endeavor that recognizes the exceptional achievements of high school athletes and teams, and we are excited Hartford Athletic and The Hartford have taken this initiative," CAS-CIAC Executive Director Glenn Lungarini said. "Spotlighting all these different areas of education-based activities emphasizes that much more than wins and losses or competitions, it is the experiences of being part of a team and those relationships that come as a result that is the essence of high school sports and activities."

For more information and to nominate your team today, please go to [HartfordAthletic.com/MyTeam](http://HartfordAthletic.com/MyTeam). The nomination period closes on June 12th.

## I Remember Mama...and Dad, Too

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spite of limited finances. They valued education, integrity, hard work, compassion for others, and above all, family. When we were grown and gone and they eventually retired—that was their time to take annual vacations with a group of close friends; to relax and enjoy life and each other's company, and to rediscover what had brought them together originally. The later years were good and they were amazing grandparents to four boys, a role they cherished. But Dad was still in essence the same doubter, which was evidenced big time in 1981. This is where Cedar Hill Cemetery enters the story.

My father's beloved younger brother passed away rather suddenly at age 68, and my widowed aunt was a wreck. She needed help obtaining a cemetery plot and asked my parents to come with her to Cedar Hill where they would meet with the "salesperson". There's probably a more formal name for that line of work, but it escapes me, and is no doubt a less accurate

description. He regretfully told them that there were no two-plots (a duplex!) available at that time, but there just so happened to be a quadruple space (room for 4!) available in a lovely location. Now, this may very well have been an upselling tactic—"Would you like to supersize that?"—but the grieving don't have a lot of time to shop around. He showed it to them, and Auntie looked at Mom and said "We could go in on it together!" My mother agreed immediately—thought it was a wonderful idea. John was shaking his head. He absolutely refused. There was no way he wanted a plot waiting for him before his death; it was bad luck. The women tried to reason with him but he wasn't buying it—literally. With a funeral and burial a mere three days off, something had to be done. Mom told my oldest brother, and he had an idea. He asked Dad to take a ride with him to the cemetery; he wanted to see the prospective plot. Dad balked and said it would do him no good, and there was no way he would be convinced, but he agreed to go. Big

brother looked around and then gazing in the direction of Fairfield Avenue, he announced that the view from the 4-plot was directly facing the 18th green at Goody! That was the ticket. Beyond all rational reasoning, Dad was sold. And that's where all four of them rest today.

So I'll be there this weekend, sitting myself down on the ground, facing the monument, possibly toasting them with a cold beer (Shhh!), and reminiscing about their love story and our life as a family with tears and laughter. And I know they'd both agree—for once—that it's exactly the right thing to do.

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# El Informativo Latino

## Así es como los colegios y universidades planean reabrir en Connecticut

El gobernador Ned Lamont y los líderes de colegios y universidades en el estado tienen la esperanza de que puedan reabrir a los estudiantes en el otoño, pero hay puntos de referencia que deben cumplirse y el trabajo que hay que hacer para lograrlo. a suceder

El miércoles, el estado reveló un informe detallado que contiene recomendaciones para la reapertura. En el informe, cada institución de educación superior deberá presentar planes específicos ante el estado para reabrir. Se espera que esos planes incluyan:

- Un plan de repoblación del campus.
- Un plan para monitorear las condiciones de salud para detectar infecciones.
- Un plan de contención para prevenir la propagación de la enfermedad cuando se detecta



### Personaje Del Mes

Mi nombre es Pablo Santiago, llegue junto a mis familia en C.T en 1986. En esos tiempos escuchaba una emisora llamada La Grande, yo llamaba a la emisora para cita para que mi papá participara en la Montaña Canta, hay conocí a Bernardo Saldaña, Pablo de Jesús Colón, Luis Oyola y Felipe Esteban. Hay fue cuando me gusto la radio. Para el 1990 nace Latino hay conocí a George, Hipólito Cuevas, Lissette Ramos. En 1992 fueron mis comienzos en la radio en las madrugadas todos los días. Haci nació mi amor por la radio.

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Un plan para cerrar si es necesario Los funcionarios también revelaron sus recomendaciones para una apertura gradual de colegios y universidades en los próximos meses. La primera parte es la fase 1a, que podría comenzar el 20 de mayo. Permitiría la reapertura de los programas de investigación. En la fase 1b, cuyo objetivo es comenzar a principios de junio, hay un enfoque en la fuerza laboral no residencial y los programas de finalización de grado.

"Hay una serie de estudiantes que esta primavera fueron atrapados en este tipo de programas y tuvieron que continuar su instrucción en el aula en línea, pero no pudieron completar su trabajo en las tiendas o en entornos clínicos que a menudo son de muy baja densidad", dijo Linda Lorimer, miembro del grupo asesor Reopen Connecticut. "Así que queremos que esos estudiantes puedan completar lo que están haciendo

ahora y también importantes programas de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral que no son residenciales para levantarse y comenzar tan pronto como las instituciones piensen que pueden después de principios de junio".

La fase 2 está programada para los meses de julio y agosto. Se enfoca en otros programas no residenciales y programas de posgrado.

Lorimer, quien también fue el ex vicepresidente de iniciativas globales y estratégicas en la Universidad de Yale, dijo que también han estado en contacto con varias instituciones, que pueden considerar la creación de programas piloto residenciales a pequeña escala para estudiantes universitarios.

"Imagínese como la segunda mitad de una escuela de verano en la que podrían perfeccionar las pautas para la implementación de entornos residenciales más grandes en otoño", dijo Lorimer.

La Fase 3 está programada para el 1 de septiembre de 2020, que es el momento tradicional para que regresen los colegios y universidades.

"Creemos que podría estar listo, una vez más con las situaciones de salud predominantes mejorando y con las condiciones de activación cumplidas", dijo Lorimer.

Según Rick Levin, miembro del grupo asesor Reopen Connecticut y ex presidente de la Universidad de Yale, las condiciones de activación son criterios que deben establecerse para reabrir de manera segura. Incluyen:

- Disminución constante de las hospitalizaciones.
- Cantidad adecuada de pruebas disponibles
- Capacidad para el rastreo de contactos
- Directrices estatales sobre distanciamiento físico, densidad y uso de mascarillas
- PPE y mascarillas adecuadas
- Capacidad adecuada de sobretensión hospitalaria / sanitaria
- Un puesto seguro limitado de responsabilidad

## Playas Y Parques De Connecticut Disponibles Para El Público Durante Pandemia Del Covid-19

POR MARICARMEN CAJAHUARINGA



ciamiento social

- Las playas se cerrarán cuando no se puede mantener el distanciamiento social.
- Se usarán las redes sociales y otras comunicaciones para informar al público cuando la capacidad está restringida para que puedan planear ir a otro lado
- Mantener un espaciado de 15 pies o más entre las toallas de playa

Según el Departamento de Salud Pública de Connecticut, y los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades de los Estados Unidos, informan que no hay evidencia actual de transmisión de COVID-19 a través de natación recreativa de agua dulce o salada.

Sin embargo, algunos residentes de Connecticut, no están de acuerdo con la reapertura de estos lugares recreativos, puesto que aún no existe una vacuna para el virus, y no tienen confianza en que la gente respete las medidas de prevención. De esa manera, tomaron las redes sociales para expresar su opinión. De la misma manera, otro grupo dijo que ya están listos para disfrutar del verano, y depende de cada uno, respetar las recomendaciones para no contagiarse.

"Nuestras playas son algunos de nuestros activos más bellos y preciosos. Queremos asegurarnos de que se disfruten en la costa este de la manera más segura posible, especialmente cuando comienza la temporada de verano. Trabajar juntos como estados para garantizar que se puedan disfrutar de manera responsable tiene sentido", dijo el gobernador Lamont.

Los centros de salud publica estatales, instan al público a visitar las playas temprano, y que estén más cerca a su casa, para evitar la multitud de gente. Se recomienda mantener los 6 pies de distancia, y los grupos de mas de 5 personas están prohibidos. El Departamento de Energía y Protección del Medio Ambiente (DEEP) reducirá la capacidad de estacionamiento y cerrará las playas durante el día si no se puede mantener el distanciamiento social. También, hará ajustes a las operaciones y considerará cierres a largo plazo según lo amerite la situación. Las actualizaciones de los centros recreativos estatales se publicarán en la cuenta de Twitter de los Parques y playas Estatales Connecticut@CTStateParks.

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